



# Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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## CROP INFORMATION

**Days suitable for fieldwork:** 5.8  
**Soil moisture supplies:** 3% very short, 2% short, 71% adequate and 24% surplus

**Field Crops Report**  
Scattered rainfall and isolated snow showers fell across parts of the state. Spring plowing continued to progress as fields started to dry out. Corn planting continued to increase. Rice producers started drill planting. Sugarcane producers were off-barring sugarcane.

**Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops**  
Producers continued spraying and harvesting strawberries. Vegetable producers planted tomatoes, beans, and cucumbers. Citrus producers continued to prune and fertilize trees. Crawfish trapping continued, and catches remained low.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report**  
Calving continued last week. Cattlemen fertilized ryegrass pastures and continued to feed hay which was in low supply.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2009	5 YR AVG
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	34	11	60	38
Corn	Planted	40	N/A	51	42
Rice	Planted	10	N/A	10	6

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Sugarcane	8	19	53	18	2
Winter Wheat	0	10	52	36	2
Livestock	4	17	50	28	1
Vegetables	11	29	44	15	1
Pasture	12	27	43	17	1



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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 03/15/10 TO 03/21/10

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	72	34	55	57	0.16	3.38	8.74	12.22
Minden	73	33	53	57	0.26	3.36	10.57	13.32
Mooringsport	75	33	55	MM	0.20	3.52	10.10	11.35
Extreme/Average	75	33	55	58	0.21	3.42	9.80	12.52
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	73	34	55	58	0.23	2.35	8.70	14.47
Homer/Hill Farm	72	32	52	56	0.19	2.70	12.33	13.51
ULM-Monroe	73	35	56	58	0.20	1.50	9.00	15.01
Columbia Lock	74	34	54	MM	0.33	2.17	7.78	15.25
Extreme/Average	74	(32)	54	58	0.24	2.18	9.45	14.37
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	70	34	54	56	0.42	1.74	8.02	15.21
LSU-St Joseph	72	36	56	59	0.16	2.49	13.83	15.51
LSU-Winnsboro	73	35	55	58	0.42	1.91	8.36	14.79
Tallulah	71	35	55	58	0.46	2.74	9.70	15.31
Extreme/Average	73	34	55	58	0.37	2.22	9.98	15.17
4. West-Central								
Leesville	77	36	56	60	0.48	2.65	10.26	14.04
LSU-Rosepine	(79)	36	57	59	0.62	2.58	11.50	13.88
Natchitoches	77	38	58	59	0.24	3.27	10.06	13.77
Extreme/Average	79	36	57	59	0.45	2.83	10.88	13.78
5. Central								
Alexandria	76	34	54	60	0.30	3.56	12.18	14.88
Brusly	MM	MM	MM	61	M.MM	M.MM	MM.MM	15.24
Bunkie	77	37	57	61	0.25	4.33	15.17	15.19
LSU-Alexandria	78	37	58	60	0.28	3.91	13.49	14.47
Extreme/Average	78	34	56	61	0.28	3.93	13.61	14.88
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	73	36	55	MM	0.11	3.15	13.38	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	74	36	56	61	0.01	3.03	10.11	14.29
Amite	76	36	55	60	0.48	3.69	12.96	16.44
LSU-Hammond	74	37	55	60	0.07	3.01	9.94	15.81
Slidell	72	39	55	61	1.75	4.73	15.29	15.56
Extreme/Average	76	36	55	61	0.48	3.52	12.34	15.68
7. Southwest								
DeRidder	79	36	57	61	0.57	2.82	13.90	14.57
Jennings	78	37	57	61	0.28	2.11	9.53	13.00
LSU-Crowley	77	37	57	61	0.28	1.98	8.27	13.38
Extreme/Average	79	36	57	62	0.38	2.30	10.57	13.03
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	74	37	57	62	0.07	3.20	11.98	13.89
LSU-Jeanerette	75	38	58	61	0.22	2.81	9.82	12.44
Morgan City	74	38	58	62	0.08	1.65	8.50	13.42
Extreme/Average	75	37	57	62	0.12	2.55	10.10	13.19
9. Southeast								
Galliano	74	39	58	63	1.80	5.46	15.40	14.24
Houma	74	38	58	63	0.26	3.16	11.39	13.39
Terrytown 3S	77	40	59	MM	1.07	3.21	12.88	MM.MM
Reserve	MM	MM	MM	62	M.MM	M.MM	MM.MM	15.64
Extreme/Average	77	38	59	63	1.04	3.94	13.22	14.44
State Averages	79	32	56	60	0.41	3.03	11.32	14.18

M = Missing            ( ) = Extremes            Yr. To Date = Through March 21, 2010

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